

Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Eric Oppenheimer called the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Intake Water Structures (SACCWIS) supplemental meeting to order on August 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, 1st Floor, Training 1 West/East, Sacramento, California, 95814.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)
Edward Randolph, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Neil Millar, California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO)
Tom Luster, California Coastal Commission (CCC)
Eric Gillies, California State Lands Commission (SLC)
Carey Bylin, California Air Resources Board (CARB)

INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT

Lana Wong, Le-Quyen Nguyen, and Allen Le, California Energy Commission (CEC)
Stephanie Kato, CARB
Nick Dahlberg and Michele Kito, CPUC
Dennis Peters, CAISO
Julie Johnson and Katherine Walsh, State Water Board

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Rubin, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (phone)
David Asti and Catherine Haag, Southern California Edison (SCE)
Stephen O’Kane, AES Southland
Susana Hildebrand, Vistra Energy
Carrie Bentley, Gridwell Consulting
Dr. Gene Nelson, Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. (CGNP) (phone)
Eric Watts, Daniel McDeritt, and Tom Donnelly, GenOn Energy, Inc. (GenOn)
Marleigh Wood, Rebecca Fitzgerald, and Jonathan Dolan, State Water Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evacuation information in case the fire alarm goes off during the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Public comments are solicited prior to any decisions by the SACCWIS.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT 2021 LOCAL AND SYSTEM-WIDE GRID RELIABILITY STUDIES SACCWIS REPORT

- Nick Dahlberg, CPUC, gave the presentation on local and system-wide grid reliability issues on behalf of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG).

- Julie Johnson, State Water Board, proposed a minor, clarifying language change to Section 5.2 of the SACCWIS Report to correct a date associated with Alamos Generating Station's Title V air permit.
- SACCWIS members recommended modifying part of the recommended alternative in Section 6.5 of the SACCWIS Report to recommend the State Water Board defer the compliance dates for Alamos Units 3, 4, and 5 and one or more additional OTC resources for two or more years, but no longer than necessary, to ensure local and system-wide grid reliability. Previously, the recommendation was to defer the compliance dates for Alamos Units 3, 4, and 5 and one or more additional OTC resources until December 31, 2022. SACCWIS members directed State Water Board staff to carry this proposed language throughout the draft SACCWIS Report, where appropriate, for consistency.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Eric Oppenheimer, State Water Board
- Neil Millar, CAISO
- Tom Luster, CCC
- Edward Randolph, CPUC
- Carey Bylin, CARB
- Eric Gillies, SLC

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- David Asti, SCE
- Stephen O'Kane, AES-Southland
- Eric Watts, GenOn
- Susanna Hildebrand, Vistra Energy
- Dr. Gene Nelson, CGNP
- Lana Wong, CEC
- Rebecca Fitzgerald and Kat Walsh, State Water Board

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2021 LOCAL AND SYSTEM-WIDE GRID RELIABILITY STUDIES SACCWIS REPORT

Motion: Eric Oppenheimer moved to approve the SACCWIS Report with proposed language changes as discussed during the meeting with the caveat that changes to Section 6.5 Alternative 3 would be carried through the entire report for consistency.

MOTION CARRIED: 2021 Local and System-Wide Grid Reliability Studies SACCWIS Report with changes approved unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF A SACCWIS MEMBER TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE 2021 LOCAL AND SYSTEM-WIDE GRID RELIABILITY STUDIES SACCWIS REPORT TO THE STATE WATER BOARD

Edward Randolph, CPUC, volunteered to present the findings of the SACCWIS Report to the State Water Board.

Motion: Motion made for Edward Randolph to represent the SACCWIS at an upcoming State Water Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: Edward Randolph as presenter to the State Water Board approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN

The SACCWIS adjourned at 11:01 a.m.